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## Children's Justice Symposium to be held in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Children and Family Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Supreme Court are co-sponsoring the **Children's Justice Symposium** July 24-26 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Pre-conference workshops on July 23 will focus on children and family services reviews training and conducting effective parent education seminars.

"The symposium is an opportunity to engage in conversation about services and to provide skill development and networking for professionals who work with children and families to support their safety, permanency, and well-being," said Supreme Court Justice Carol Kapsner.

The symposium will have numerous workshops on topics including strategies and resources for serving children and families more effectively and enhancing collaboration and child welfare leadership.

Law enforcement professionals, attorneys, social workers, judges, educators, therapists, and others who work with children and families are encouraged to attend.

"Our focus is creating positive outcomes for children and families and that takes collaboration and open communication between various entities participating in this symposium," said Carol K. Olson, executive director of the N.D. Department of Human Services.

The four-day training event is free and open to the public. People can register online and obtain an agenda along with other information at <a href="www.cfstc.und.edu/">www.cfstc.und.edu/</a>. About 400 people have already registered.

The Children's Justice Symposium is held every other year in North Dakota and is organized by the North Dakota Supreme Court and the North Dakota Department of Human Services.